

**AL  
GREEN  
LAY  
IT  
DOWN**





**1. LAY IT DOWN** 4:30

*featuring Anthony Hamilton*

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*chorus*

*Lay it down, lay it down, lay it down  
Put your hat on the floor  
Lay it down, lay it down, lay it down*

I just met you, just the other day  
Everything started flowing my way, oh yeah  
I just love you  
Really, I just love you for yourself  
I don't want nobody, no no no no, nobody else  
Lay it down

*chorus*

*Lay it down, let it go, fall in love  
Put your hat on the floor  
Lay it down, let it go, fall in love*

Your love is a wonder to me  
I just love you  
Really, I would really love you for free  
All I wanna do, all I wanna do  
I don't want you to change your mind  
I love you, baby, any old time

*chorus*

You see, I love you  
You see, I love you for myself  
And everything I need, everything I need  
Ever since I started holding your hand  
I never seen, I never seen such a smiling man  
You make me happy, baby  
Now almost, almost out that door  
When I see you, I wanna love you  
More and more and more  
Lay it down

*chorus*



## 2. JUST FOR ME 3:58

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*chorus*

Your love is just for me, for me  
It's just for me  
It's just for me, for me, for me  
It's just for me

Just dropped by to say  
That I love you more each day  
Then you turn around and you knock me down  
But I love you still, baby

Why can't you tell that I love you  
By the way that I smile  
Why can't you bring more love to the table  
You're driving me wild

*chorus*

Just stopped by to say  
We'd make a love worth living  
And by now I think our love is more  
It's more than giving, hey hey

Why can't you tell that I love you  
By the way that I smile  
Why can't you bring more love to the table  
You're driving me wild

*chorus*

Thinkin' 'bout you, everyday this way  
Thinkin' 'bout you, what can I say  
Thinkin' 'bout you, this is more for me  
Aaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaah

*chorus*

## 3. YOU'VE GOT THE LOVE I NEED 4:14

*featuring Anthony Hamilton*

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Oh, you're beautiful to me  
More than my eyes can see  
Your hair blowing in the wind  
I don't know why love should end  
Stardust in the sky  
I either love you or die  
I gotta have you in my life  
I really wanna make you my wife

*chorus*

You've got the love I need, baby  
You've got the love I need, baby  
You've got the love I need, baby  
You've got the love I need, baby

Oh, my only friend  
The only truth I know  
Oh, you taught me things about me  
I never thought I'd know  
Darling, you've been there for me  
Through the strangest of the times  
Oh, it must be meant to be  
My darling love of mine

*chorus*

*You've got the love I need, baby (4x)*

Stardust blowing in the wind  
I don't know why love should end  
I like loving you so  
I'll never, never, never let you go

*chorus*

## 4. NO ONE LIKE YOU 4:31

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*chorus*

There's no one in life quite like you, you, baby  
There's no one in life quite like you, you, baby

As I sit and wonder, baby  
How you do the things you do, yeah  
I know deep down in my heart  
I'll never see all the way through, nah  
I smile and I'm glad  
You're the best thing that I ever had

*chorus*

Smokestacks signal your love  
Coming from my window pane  
All I need from you, baby  
Is to take you in my arms again  
One smile from you is all I need  
To see me through my days

*chorus*

One word from you is all I need  
One, one, one kiss from you  
Always sets me free

*chorus*

Like you, like you  
Early in the morning  
Smile on your face  
Late in the midnight hour  
No one can take your place  
Evening sashay  
Glass of wine  
You're so fine

## 5. WHAT MORE DO YOU WANT FROM ME 4:13

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What more do you want from me  
I've just about given all of me  
More than your eyes can see  
After all I've done for you, oh baby  
You gave me, too

*chorus*

What more do you want from me  
What more do you want from me  
What more do you love about me  
After all you've done for me  
I love you, yesiree

I've tried to do my best  
We can stand the test  
Forget all about the rest  
Your love is more than true, oh baby  
It's just, it's just for me and you

*chorus*

You won, you won my heart, baby  
Where do, where do we start  
What more, do you want from my heart?  
After all you've done for me, I love you, yesiree

Think about it baby, what more  
Think about it baby, what more  
Think about it baby, wow

## 6. TAKE YOUR TIME 4:37

*featuring Corinne Bailey Rae*

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*chorus*

Just you take your time  
Just you take your time

Do you remember when we used to take our time  
You'd write me a letter, baby  
And I'd wait for you all night  
Now it seems that everyone is rushing around  
Including you and I  
I want to take a little time  
Just to fall in love again  
'Cause they're telling me

*chorus*

When I think about yesterday  
Everything was easy, everything was okay  
Now everything is going fast  
You're the best thing I ever had  
Losing you, that would make me feel so bad  
Would you help me sing

*chorus*

Swing low and take it slow  
I'm inclined to agree  
'Cause ain't nobody living  
Can try to hurry me

*chorus*



## 7. TOO MUCH 3:29

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And now every kiss and every touch  
It's too much baby  
I don't want to hold you back  
Your smiling face, your lips on mine

Your love divine  
Oh it's too much, baby

*chorus*  
*It's too much*  
*Too much for me*  
*Come on now*  
*Oh baby, too much, baby*  
*Too much for me, I got to say, oh*

Your smiling face, your lips on mine  
Talk about a love divine, it's too much  
Everyday be like Sunday  
Your smiling is something I can't find

*chorus*

I was one step closer  
To your arms to mine  
I feel your love so divine  
It's just too much, too much

I want to take you in my arms  
Just one more time  
Give me your love  
I don't mean no harm

*chorus*

## 8. STAY WITH ME (BY THE SEA) 3:23

*featuring John Legend*

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*chorus*  
*La-la-la la-la-la la-la-la stay with me*  
*La-la-la la-la-la la-la-la stay with me*

Stay with me my dear  
Walk with me and hold me near  
It's not as late as it seems, no, no  
So why did you take your love away from me?

*chorus*

In the morning light, orange shades of white  
You're the only one to try  
So what's the meaning  
Of saying goodbye

*chorus*

Hold my hand my dear  
Treat me like you're my loving woman  
Am I the only one you see?  
So why did you take your love away from me?

*chorus*

Ooh, stay baby, ooh  
Come on  
Come on and stay

## 9. ALL I NEED 3:41

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I want to tell you one last time  
You're all I need  
Don't want no fussing, don't want no crying  
You're everything to me

*chorus*  
*All I need, all I need, all I need, all I need*  
*Let me say, yeah*  
*All I need, all I need, all I need, all I need*

Once over, and again, for the last time  
Something very wonderful  
Is on my mind,  
Can I say it twice?

*chorus*

We can work it out with no delay  
We don't have to fight, won't take all day  
Here me now, here what I say  
Here my plea, because, yeah

*chorus*

## 10. I'M WILD ABOUT YOU 4:51

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It's always talk about love  
What do you know?  
I never talk about love  
I just like to show with this

There is something wrong  
Then you can tell me, I need to see  
I talk my talk and I walk my walk  
And just you and me

*chorus*  
*I'm wild about you, baby*  
*I'm wild about you, baby*  
*There ain't no doubt, oh no*

There is always talk  
About things I cannot change  
There's always moves  
About things I can't rearrange

*chorus*

I'm marking down  
About some things I can remain, oh yeah  
I'm standing on one I can depend on  
And there can be no gain

*chorus*

## 11. STANDING IN THE RAIN 3:08

(Al Green) Al Green Music Inc BMI

I've been standing in the rain  
The cold, hard-driving rain  
I withstood all the pain  
Standing out here in the rain  
Do you know my name?  
It's the end of the pain and the shame  
That's my name

Now, now  
Everything's in my hand  
Standing out here in the rain  
Yeah yeah

Write this down if you can  
I'm a cold, hard-working man  
See this guitar in my hand, yeah  
I'm standing out here in the rain

## BONUS TRACK

### WANNA STAY 3:42

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**Anthony Hamilton** vocals (1, 3)

**Corinne Bailey Rae** vocals (6), background vocals (6, 8)

**John Legend** vocals (8)

**Chalmers “Spanky” Alford** guitar

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**Adam Blackstone** bass

**Ahmir “Questlove” Thompson** drums

**Jaguar Wright, Mercedes Martinez** background vocals

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**Ian Hendrickson Smith** baritone saxophone

**David Guy** trumpet

*with:*

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**Gabriel Roth** bass (11)

**Homer Steinweiss** drums (11)

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